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1. An information processing apparatus to which an operating apparatus and an apparatus to be operated by said operating apparatus are connected, said information processing apparatus comprising:  
an instruction information storing part which stores instruction information for said apparatus to be operated; and  
an instruction information send part which reads said instruction information from said instruction information storing part in response to a request from said operating apparatus and sends said instruction information to said operating apparatus.
2. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an instruction information obtaining part which obtains said instruction information from said apparatus to be operated when said instruction information storing part does not include said instruction information corresponding to said request.
3. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a communication type accommodation part which accommodates difference between communication types

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of said operating apparatus and said apparatus to be operated.

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4. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said communication type accommodation part includes a converter which  
10 converts data such that a protocol of said data becomes suitable for said communication type.

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5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus to be operated is a printer.

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6. An information processing method of an information processing apparatus to which an operating apparatus and an apparatus to be operated by said operating apparatus are connected, said information processing method comprising:

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an instruction information request receiving step of receiving from said operating apparatus a request for instruction information for operating said apparatus to be operated; and

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a sending step of sending said instruction information from said information processing apparatus to said operating apparatus in response to  
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7. The information processing method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sending step comprising a step of obtaining said instruction information from said apparatus to be operated when said information processing apparatus does not include said instruction information corresponding to said request.

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8. A computer readable medium storing program code for causing a computer system to process information, an operating apparatus and an apparatus to be operated by said operating apparatus being connected to said computer system, said computer readable medium comprising:

first program code means for receiving from said operating apparatus a request for instruction information for operating said apparatus to be operated; and

second program code means for sending said instruction information to said operating apparatus in response to said request.

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9. The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein said second program code means comprising program code means for obtaining said instruction information from said apparatus to be operated when said computer system does not include said instruction information corresponding to said request.

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